(b) the total amount approved by the Planning Commission for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 474451.92 crore was demanded by the Department of School Education and Literacy and an amount of Rs. 184930.00 crore was allocated by the Planning Commission to the Department for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

Primary education as profit-making business

2193. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether corporates are likely to get to venture into primary education as a profit-making business by partnering with Government bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what kind of public-private partnership system Government envisages in the field of primary education;

(d) whether new norms would allow entrepreneurs to incorporate their ventures as companies and get into education as a profit-making service; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (e) There is no proposal of the Ministry to allow corporates to enter into a partnership with the Government in primary education as a profit making business or venture.

Report of expert committee on modernization of Madarsas

†2194. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of the expert committee on modernization of madarsas, constituted by the National Monitoring Committee on Minority Education;

(b) the number of madarsas where revised programme, on the basis of these recommendations could be or could not be implemented; and

(c) whether it is a fact that for want of modernization in madarsa education, the Muslim society has continued to be backward and increasingly so, for which the society itself is to be blamed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) On the basis of the recommendations of the expert committee on modernization of madrassas, constituted by the National Monitoring Committee on Minority Education

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given in Statement (*See* below) the madrassa modernization component of Area Intensive and Madrassa Modernization Programme (AIMMP) has been revamped in the Eleventh Plan as a separate scheme of Providing Quality Education in Madrassas (SPQEM) to encourage traditional institutions like Madrassas/Maktabs/Darululooms to introduce science, mathematics, social studies, language and English in their curriculum so that academic proficiency for classes I-XII is attainable for children studying in these institutions. The scheme also provides for linkages with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for both academic and vocational aspects of education. The State Governments have received the new scheme recently and it is their responsibility to submit cases for Central Government funding.

Statement

Recommendations of the expert committee on modernization of Madarsas

1. To linkup Darul-ulooms with NIOS-Syllabus *i.e.* 10+2 under madarsa modernization scheme.
2. Expenditure towards registration of Darul-Uloom students with NIOS, cost of text books and study materials, examination fees be borne under madarsa modernziation scheme.
3. Financial grant for providing infrastructure facilities for the construction/expansion of libraries; computer labs, toilets and girls' rooms; hostel and class rooms in Darul-ulooms.
4. To linkup madarsa and Darul-Uloom students with Vocational Education and Training Programmes run by NIOS.
5. All the minority related schemes including the madarsa modernziation scheme and area intensive scheme be implemented directly by the Central Government or through NIOS or any other Central Agency.
6. To establish computer training centers in Madarsas/Darul-uloom under MMS.
7 Special English coaching classes for Darul-uloom students be organized by appointing part-time teachers, expenditure for which may be borne under MMS.
8. Old Islamic libraries and research centers may be strengthened by bringing them under the madarsa modernization scheme.
9. Sufficient budgets be provided under madarsa modernization scheme for community modernization, publicity and research studies.

Propagation of Sanskrit

†2195. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enter into any agreement with other countries to propagate Sanskrit language like Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute;

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